

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Minutes
May 10, 2016
Grimes State Office Building – State Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Facilitator: David Tilly

Members in Attendance: Kim Hermesen, Julie Delaney, Wayne Dykstra, Jerry Deegan

DE Representatives: Nicole Proesch, Jeff Berger

Guests: Lee Morrison, Tom Chapman, Tracy Bonday, Eric Goranson

ESSA Overview (Dave Tilly and Jeff Berger)

- The Department has 18 people working weekly on eight teams to review 1100 page document and create plan for Iowa.
- The 8 teams include: Overview, Accountability, Peer Review, School Intervention, Standards & Assessment, Teacher Preparation & Evaluation, Early Childhood, Funding
- Next year is a transition plan and all aspects need to be rolled out for 2017-18 school year.
- Title II/A structure has been re-written that will affect accredited non-public schools.
- There will be opportunities for input from stakeholders. There will be a broad stakeholder group created and meet with every few months starting in June. The eight work teams can also bring in needed content experts in their areas.
- The non-public advisory welcomes opportunities for us to nominate people for the various committees.
- ESSA@iowa.gov is the place to submit questions and answers are being posting on the website.
- There will be a communication piece each month separate from
- Ombudsman: The position is referenced in ESSA on pages 71, 72, & 308. The position will review consultation process, funding amounts, complaint process, etc.
- The Department will consult extensively with the non-public advisory in the identification of this person and their job description.
- The Department would designate the Ombudsman who will advocate for equity for private student children. Code states this person is to monitor and enforce the process and funding. Due to the “enforce” language, this person should likely be a Department employee.

Legislative Update (Shan Sievert & Nicole Proesch)

- The Department received a \$250,000 overall budget cut, a \$25,000 task force cut, and given \$25,000 for the creation of a mentoring program for Fine Arts.
- Nonpublic school funding was not increased for textbooks.

- The new state assessment was suspended for one year. Schools will take Iowa Assessments for next year. We will closely monitor any possible changes.
- There is now a delay of the implementation of 3rd grade retention and intensive summer school. There will be a new guidance document in 6-8 weeks.
- The new literacy requirements for teacher preparation programs were passed to include more information on research based reading strategies.
- Bullying & Varsity Sports: Allows a student with a confirmed case of bullying to transfer and immediately be eligible to play sports. This only applies to open enrollment students---not general transfer rules. There may need to be some additional conversations to clarify this with the Iowa High School Athletic Association.
- The sunset was removed for independent accreditation of nonpublic schools.

Dates for 2016-17

- October 11, 2016
- December 13, 2016
- February 21, 2017
- May 9, 2017

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 11th at 1:00 pm